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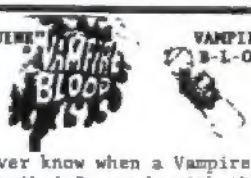

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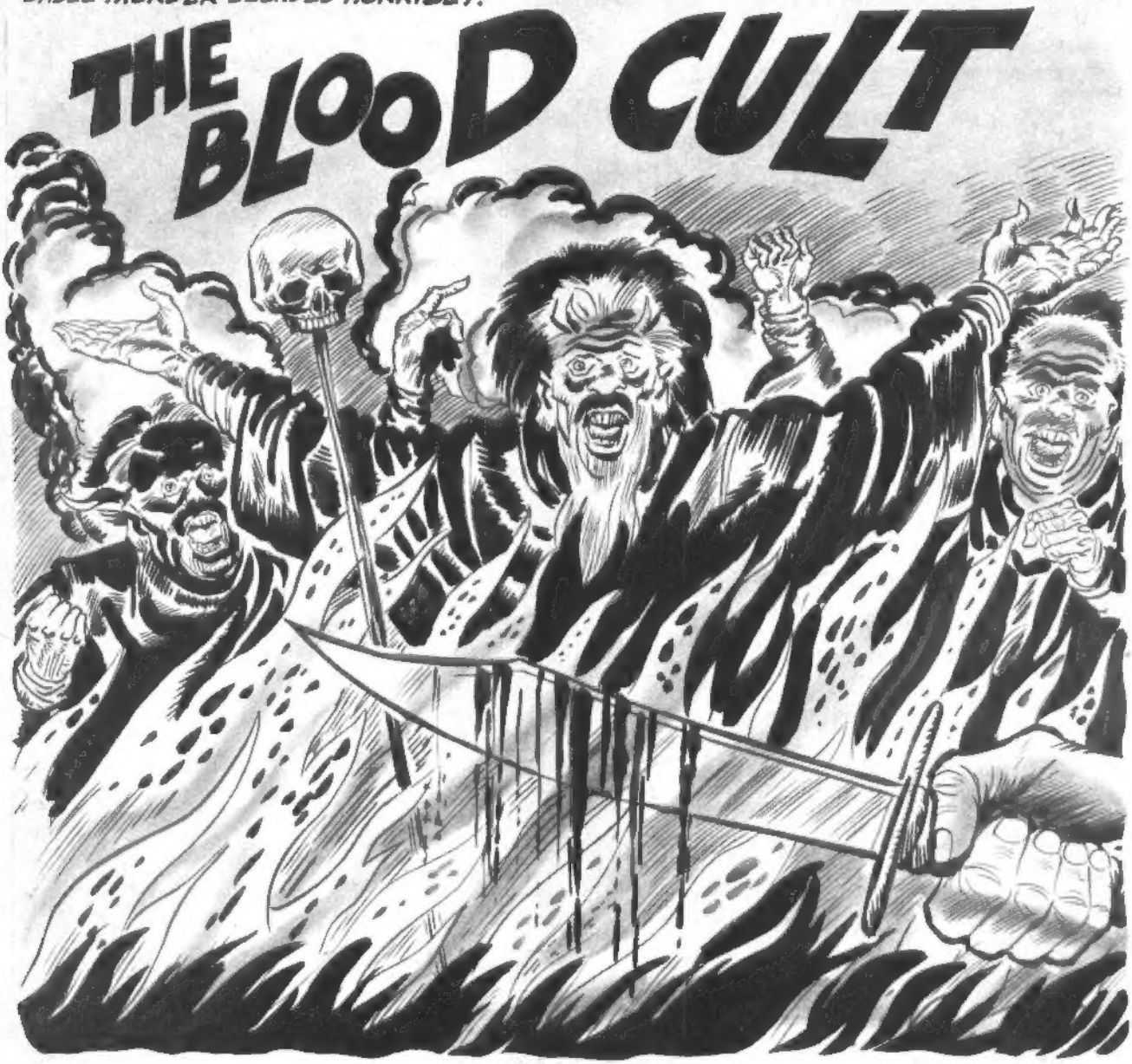
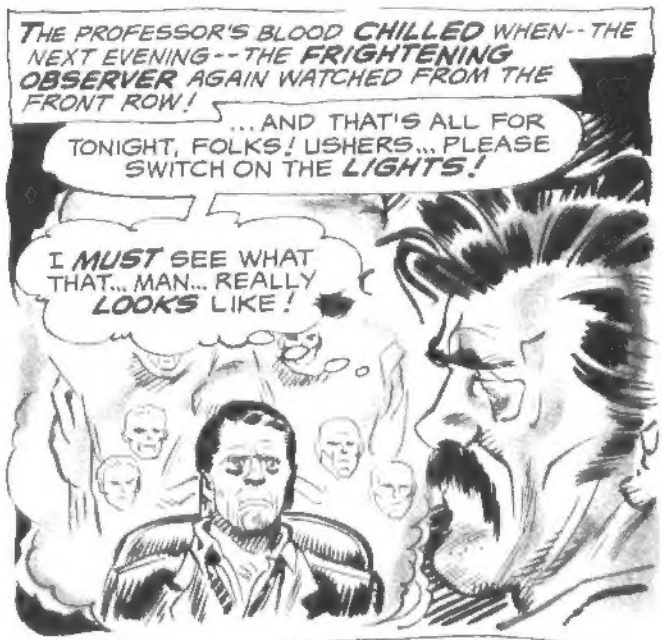
THE BLOOD CULT



I'M GLAD TO BE HOME FINALLY... THAT WAS A TIRING PERFORMANCE! WHA-! AT THE WINDOW--THOSE EYES AGAIN! NO! NO! GO AWAY!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DEAR! I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU SCREAM!
N-NOTHING, DEAR! JUST MY NERVES... AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S NOTHING HERE...

I WISH YOU'D STOP THIS HORRID BLACK MAGIC... YOU'VE BEEN SO STRANGE LATELY
NO! LET ME ALONE!
THE BOOK... SEEMS TO BE CALLING ME...


THE PROFESSOR'S BLOOD CHILLED WHEN--THE NEXT EVENING--THE FRIGHTENING OBSERVER AGAIN WATCHED FROM THE FRONT ROW!
...AND THAT'S ALL FOR TONIGHT, FOLKS! USHERS... PLEASE SWITCH ON THE LIGHTS!
I MUST SEE WHAT THAT... MAN... REALLY LOOKS LIKE!

MISS CHANDLLR! LOOK! THAT SEAT IS EMPTY! THERE WAS NO ONE THERE!
WHY-WHY--I KNOW THAT, PROFESSOR MARVO... IT'S BEEN EMPTY FOR THE LAST FEW NIGHTS! WH-WHAT'S WRONG?

LATER...
I HAVE WAITED LONG FOR YOU... YOU WILL COME WITH ME NOW, MARVO!
I--I COULD HARDLY WALK TO THE DRESSING ROOM... THAT FACE! IF ONLY I... EH! WHA--WHAT! WH-WHO SAID THAT...!

I AM A MESSENGER FROM... ANOTHER PLACE! THE CULT OF EVIL CALLS FOR YOU! YOU WILL COME WITH ME NOW...
YES... YES-SSS... I COME... I CAN'T SEEM TO HELP MYSELF... I AM COMING WITH YOU...

THE CULT MEETS TONIGHT, PROFESSOR! WE ARE ALMOST THERE... AND YOU ARE ALMOST ONE OF US! AH... JUST AHEAD... AND YOU WILL MEET LIVING EVIL!
I COME... I SEE THEM... THEY ARE... MY FRIENDS...

WELCOME, PROFESSOR MARVO... WE HAVE LONG WAITED TO CLAIM YOU AS ONE OF US! YOU WILL DANCE WITH US NOW IN OUR RITES OF DEATH!
I HEAR... O MASTER... I FEEL THAT I MUST BE... ONE OF YOU...

HEE! HEE! HEE! WE HAVE TRAPPED HIS SOUL! SOON WE WILL CLAIM HIS BODY! HE IS LOST... AS IS EVERY MORTAL WHO LOOKS TOO DEEPLY INTO THE SECRETS OF DARKNESS!

BEFORE YOU CAN JOIN US, MARVO... YOU MUST COMMIT THE FINAL ACT! YOU MUST SHED HUMAN BLOOD... AND THEN ALL OUR SECRETS WILL BE YOURS! GO NOW... BACK TO YOUR MORTAL HOME!

AS THE CREATURE OF MIDNIGHT SPOKE, MARVO WAS WHIRLED UP... UP THROUGH UNSPEAKABLE VISIONS...
GO NOW! GO NOW! GO-O-O!

THE NEXT NIGHT, HAD A VAMPIRE'S DESIRE FOR BLOOD! HE FELT STRANGE URGES... SURGING THROUGH HIM!
IT'S TIME, PROFESSOR MARVO! WE'RE DUE ON STAGE!
I MUST KILL... BLOOD... CAN'T GET RID OF THAT FEELING... ER... AH... I'M COMING, MISS CHANDLER! I'M READY!

...THE LAST ACT... IS TO SHOW YOU HOW... A GHOUL DRAWS BLOOD FROM HIS VICTIM!
THIS LOOKS A LITTLE TOO REAL IF YOU ASK ME!
OOOH... I CAN'T LOOK!

THAT GUY IS WEIRD HE REALLY ACTS LIKE A GHOUL!
PROFESSOR... TH-THAT ACT WASN'T IN THE S-SCRIPT! WH-WHAT'S THE M-MATTER WITH Y-YOU?
NOTHING... COME, MY DEAR... THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST SHOW YOU IN MY DRESSING ROOM!

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SHOW ME, PROF -- AYEEE!! WHAT ARE Y-YOU DOING W-WITH TH-THAT KNIFE...!
I'M SORRY, MY DEAR... BUT I'M AFRAID I... MUST KILL YOU...

YOU-YOU'RE MAD! NO! DON'T COME NEAR ME! DON'T TOUCH ME!
KILL! BLOOD! BLOOD! HEE! HAAAHAA!

EEEEEE! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! EEEEEEE!
COME BACK! COME BACK!

OBESSED AND FRENZIED, MARVO WENT HOME, THIRSTING FOR BLOOD! HE KNEW HIS ASSISTANT WAS TOO TERRIFIED TO TELL ANYONE WHAT HAD HAPPENED...
PLEASE UNLOCK THE DOOR, DEAR... I KNOW SOMETHING'S WRONG!
GO AWAY! LET ME ALONE!
TOMORROW NIGHT, I WILL HYPNOTIZE A STAGEHAND AND BRING HIM TO MY DRESSING ROOM... HEH! HEH!
JUST AS I PLANNED LAST NIGHT! THE FOOL WAS EASY TO HYPNOTIZE! AND NOW... LOOK OUT! IDIOT! YOU'RE UPSETTING MY BOOKS!
SOME HEAVY TOMES ON THE BLACK ARTS FELL ON THE VICTIM'S HEAD... SNAPPING HIM OUT OF HIS HYPNOTIC TRANCE OF DEATH!
YOU FOOL! I'LL KILL YOU ANYWAY! ARRRGH!
WHERE AM I... WHA-- YAAAAAA! NO!
I-I MUST GET AWAY... GET THE POLICE! HELP! HELP! HE'S A MADMAN!
TH--THE POLICE! NO! STOP, YOU FOOL!
STOP! STOP!... ARRR! I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW! I MUST GET HOME... HIDE!
HE-EE-ELP, POLICE!
PUFF... PUFF... YOU MUST HIDE ME FROM THE POLICE, MY DEAR... OR I'LL KILL YOU!
OH! WHY--WHY... YOU'RE JUST S-SICK... DEAR...

OPEN UP IN THERE! THIS IS THE POLICE! OPEN UP!
SICK AM I? EH? WHAT'S THAT! THE POLICE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THEY'LL NEVER GET ME! HEEEEYYAAGH! I MUST GET TO THE WOODS... FIND THE CULT... THEY'LL HELP ME!

COME AND FOLLOW ME, YOU FOOLS... IF YOU DARE! HEE! HEH!
STOP! STOP, MARVO! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

THEY'LL NEVER GET ME!! I'LL SEEK THE FIENDS OF HELL... TOGETHER, WE'LL BATHE THE WORLD IN BLOOD! BLOOD! BLOOD!

PUFF--PUFF-- I FEEL THE PRESENCE OF... UNSEEN THINGS! YES... YES! THEY ARE HERE! ALL AROUND ME... THOSE EYES!

DEATH BE PRAISED! YOU'VE FOUND ME... YOU MUST HELP ME! I AM ONE OF YOU! THE POLICE... THEY'RE AFTER ME!
YOU NEED FEAR ONLY THE BLACKNESS OF YOUR OWN SOUL! BUT YOU ARE NOT YET ONE OF US! YOU HAVE NOT YET SHED HUMAN BLOOD!

O, EVIL ONE... MASTER! MAKE ME ONE OF YOU... I NEED YOUR HELP!
YOU CANNOT COME TO US FOR HELP... YOU HAVE SPILLED NO BLOOD!

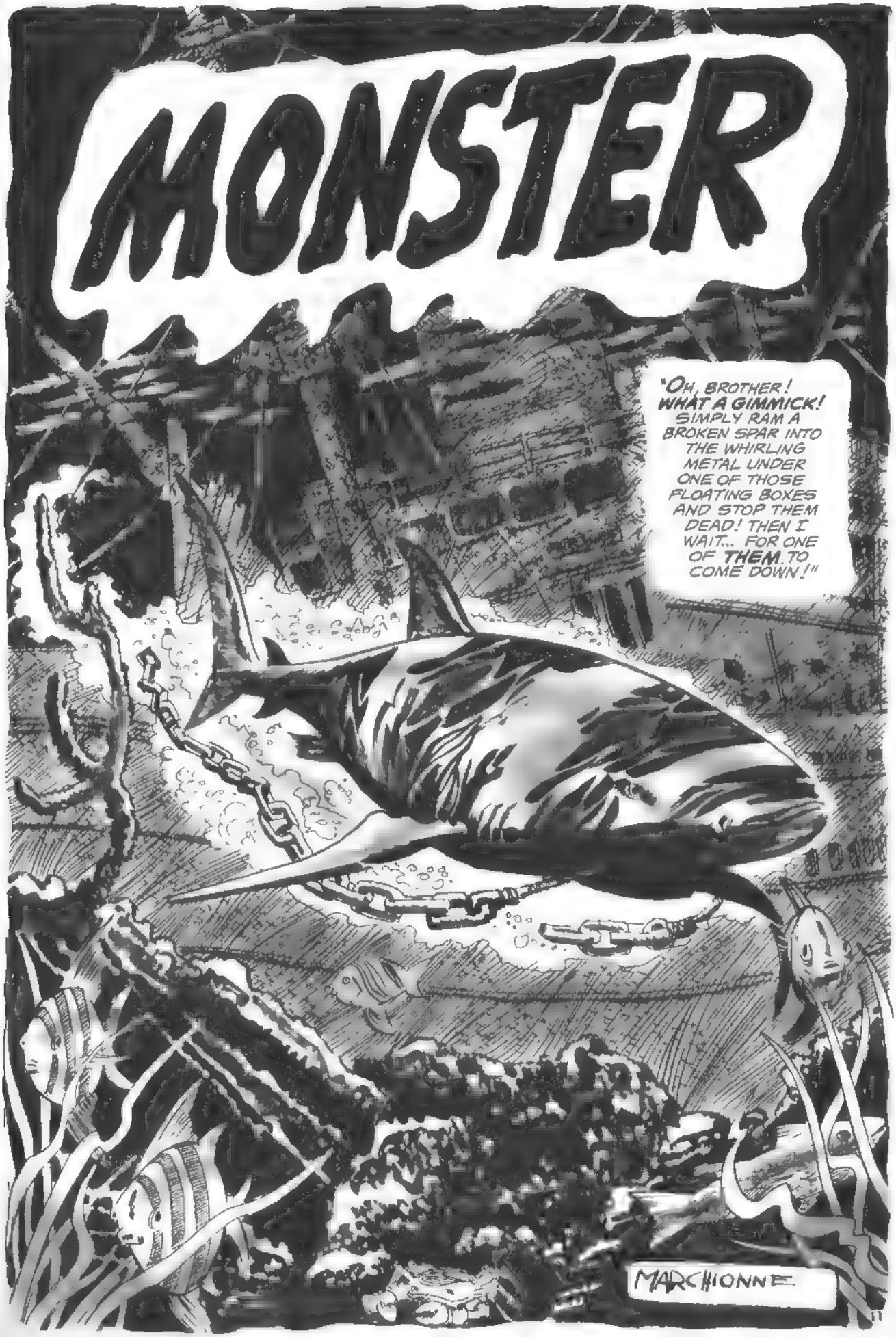
SO I HAVE SPILLED NO BLOOD, EH? THEN I'LL KILL ONE OF YOU! ARRGH! TAKE THAT! WH-WHAT!... YOU D-DON'T B-BLEED!
HA! HAA HAA! FOOL! DEAD THINGS DON'T BLEED!

BUT YOU, MARVO... YOU CAN BLEED!
NO! NO! DON'T YEEAARGH!

NOW... YOU HAVE FINALLY COMMITTED THE ACT THAT MAKES YOU OUR BROTHER! ARISE, UNHOLY PHANTOM OF MARVO! ARISE...

NOW YOU ARE ONE OF US... FOREVER, MARVO! JUST LIKE ALL OTHER KINDRED MEN OF EVIL! COME... BACK TO THE SHADOWLAND OF RESTLESS GRAVES!

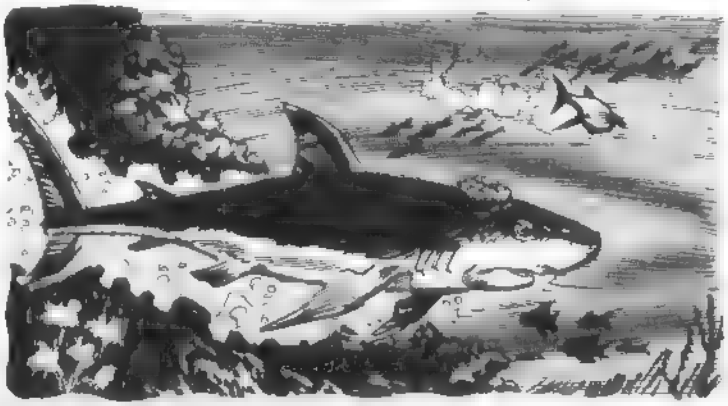
YOU NEED RUN FROM THE POLICE NO LONGER, MARVO... THEY WILL NEVER GET YOU NOW...
THE END


MONSTER
"OH, BROTHER! WHAT A GIMMICK! SIMPLY RAM A BROKEN SPAR INTO THE WHIRLING METAL UNDER ONE OF THOSE FLOATING BOXES AND STOP THEM DEAD! THEN I WAIT... FOR ONE OF THEM TO COME DOWN!"
MARCHIONNE

"THEY'RE PALE AND SOFT AND THEY EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TWO EYES, THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING I'VE SEEN AROUND HERE! THIS ONE LOOKS GOOD AND JUICY!"

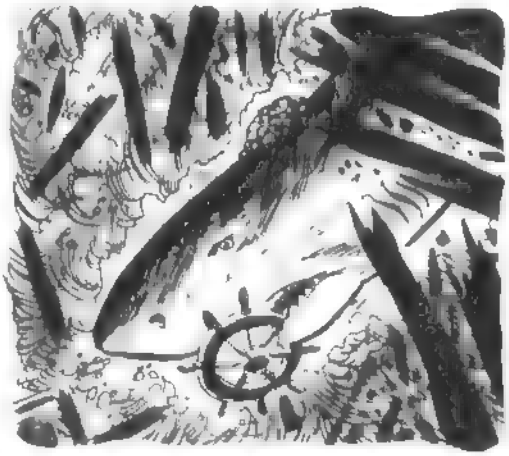
"BOY, THESE PALE, SOFT THINGS SURE TASTE GOOD... BETTER THAN ANYTHING I CAN CATCH DOWN HERE!"

"OOOH, THERE GOES THAT PAIN AGAIN! SOMETIMES, I FEEL LIKE IT'S GOING TO TAKE THE TOP OF MY HEAD OFF! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! GOSH, IT HURTS! IT DRIVES ME WILD!"


"WHEW! IT'S GONE! COMES AND GOES... JUST LIKE THAT! BUT I'M OKAY NOW! CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT... OH-OH! HERE COMES ONE OF THOSE LITTLE SMART ALECTS!"

"A SWEET, LITTLE RACKET THEY'VE GOT! THEY CAN STICK TO YOU LIKE GLUE AND FREE LOAD ON YOU WITHOUT DOING ANY WORK I'LL JUST GIVE THIS RUNT THE BUMS RUSH!"

"WHAT A WORLD! NOBODY HERE SEEMS TO HAVE A THOUGHT IN HIS HEAD EXCEPT TO EAT, FIGHT AND RUN FOR COVER! I SEE SO MANY THINGS THAT MAKE ME CURIOUS!


"NOW, TAKE THESE WOODEN CONTRAPTIONS THAT I OCCASIONALLY FIND! ONE TIME I SAW ONE DRIFT DOWN FROM ABOVE! AND IT WAS PACKED WITH THOSE PALE SOFT THINGS I'VE LEARNED TO TRAP!"

"I TAKE THESE THINGS TO A CAVE AND ARRANGE THEM SO I CAN LOOK AT THEM WITHOUT BEING DISTURBED BY THOSE BLUNDERING MORONS AROUND HERE!"

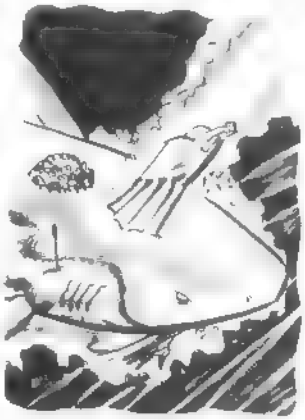
"I'M GETTING HUNGRY AGAIN! CAN'T HELP THAT, I GUESS! I'M A PRETTY BIG FELLOW WITH A BIG APPETITE! I THINK I'LL BAG ME ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE PALE SOFT THINGS!"

"THERE IT IS... THE AREA WHERE THE LIGHT IS STRONG FROM ABOVE! NOW I'LL DRAG OUT THIS BOX AND OPEN IT UP... THIS SEEMS TO ATTRACT THE PALE SOFT THINGS! IT NEVER FAILS TO WORK!"

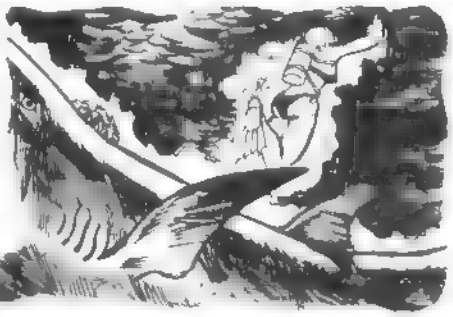
"I'LL LET THEM PLAY WITH THE METAL A BIT, BEFORE I COME UP BEHIND THEM! NOW! I RUSH THEM OFF... AND... WOW! WHAT'S THIS?"

"A PALE SOFT 'SHE'! IT CAN'T BE NOTHING ELSE! I'VE ALWAYS FIGURED THEY EXISTED! I WON'T EAT HER! I'LL ADD HER TO MY COLLECTION!..."

"OW! THAT CHARACTER CARRIED A STINGER! LUCKY I SAW IT AND TWISTED AWAY IN TIME! IT WOULD'VE GOTTEN A VITAL SPOT INSTEAD OF A FLIPPER! WELL, HE NEVER GOT ANOTHER CHANCE!"



"THAT FEMALE IS HEADING UP... UP TO THE GREEN ROOF... IF SHE GOES BEYOND IT SHE'LL DISAPPEAR! BUT SHE WON'T GET AWAY! I'M FASTER THAN SHE IS!"



"GOT HER! BOY, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY THEY LOOK AT ME WHEN I NAIL THEM THAT OFTEN MAKES ME WONDER... IF THEY'RE ABLE TO THINK... LIKE ME, I MEAN! THEY'RE CERTAINLY DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHERS AROUND HERE!"

"FOR SOME REASON THEY CAN'T LIVE DOWN HERE! TOO BAD! SHE'S GONE LIMP ALREADY! I'M GOING TO PUT HER IN MY COLLECTION!"
"THERE! SHE SURE BRIGHTENS UP THE WHOLE WORKS! I HAD TO PLACE STONES ON HER TO KEEP HER FROM DRIFTING OFF!"
"I CAN STUDY MY COLLECTION FOREVER! IT MAKES ME THINK... ABOUT THE MANY THINGS I SEE AND YET DON'T UNDERSTAND! I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO LEARN EVERYTHING ON MY OWN HOOK!"
"WHAT'S ABOVE THE GREEN ROOF? I'VE POKED MY NOSE THROUGH IT A FEW TIMES AND I CAN'T SEE HOW THE PALE THINGS CAN KEEP FROM GAGGING UP THERE! HEY! THERE'S SOMETHING COMING DOWN FROM THE GREEN ROOF NOW!"
"OW! OWOWOWOW! IT'S GOT ME! OW... IT'S DRAGGING ME UP THERE! IT HURTS! I CAN'T SHAKE IT LOOSE!"
SNAP!
"(COUGH!) (GASP!) I'VE BEEN LIFTED ABOVE THE GREEN ROOF! I'M ALMOST BLINDED... I CAN HARDLY BREATHE...(COUGH!) (GAAASSPP!)"
EASY, MEN, EASY...THAT'S IT...LOWER HIM INTO THE TANK! YOU MEN... WITHOUT THE PROTECTIVE COVERING...

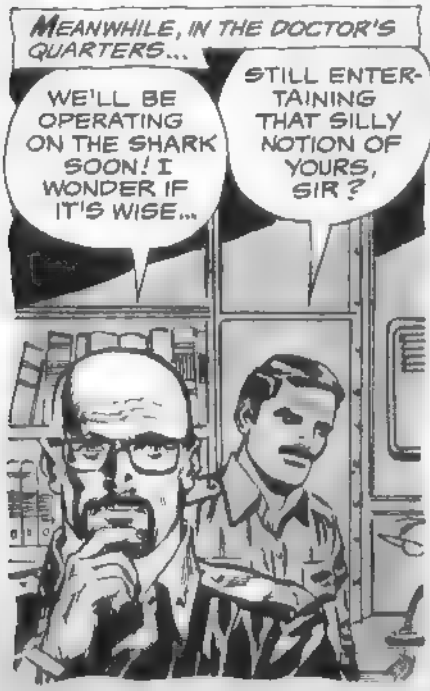
"OH, WHAT A RELIEF! THAT DEVIL'S TOOL IS GONE AND I'M FREE... TO SOME EXTENT ANYWAY! THERE ARE WALLS ON EVERY SIDE OF ME... WALLS I CAN'T SEE! I'VE BRUISED MY NOSE BUMPING INTO THEM! BEYOND THEM, LOOKING AT ME, ARE A SCHOOL OF THE PALE THINGS!"
BIG FELLOW, ISN'T HE! I'D SAY HE'S PERFECT FOR STUDY!
THE GEIGER COUNTER'S RACING LIKE MAD, SIR! THIS BABY HAS BEEN IN THE H-BOMB ZONE!
HEY, CASEY! GET A LOAD OF THAT NIGHTMARE WITH FINS!
CLIK! CLIK! CLIK! CLIK! CLIK!
SAY, I WONDER IF THAT MONSTER CAN BE THE BIG BOGEY THE ISLANDERS HAVE BEEN YAKKIN' ABOUT-- YOU KNOW THE STORY...
NAW, THAT'S STRICTLY GOONA-GOONA STUFF! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FISH WHAT THINKS LIKE A MAN!
"THE PALE SOFT THINGS... I UNDERRATED THEM! THEY'RE SMARTER THAN ME, I THINK! THEY OPEN THEIR MOUTHS AND MAKE SOUNDS TO EACH OTHER... THERE MUST BE MILLIONS OF THEM UP HERE! SAY! MAYBE I CAN MAKE SOUNDS WITH THEM TOO... AND TRADE A FEW IDEAS..."
THAT TUMOR... I'VE MADE SOME FANTASTIC SPECULATIONS ABOUT IT--
SO I'VE HEARD, DOCTOR! YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A TUMOR... IS THAT IT?
WE'VE HAULED NUMEROUS SPECIMENS SUCH AS THIS ONE, FROM CONTAMINATED WATERS, SIR... AND, WE'VE MADE SOME UNIQUE DISCOVERIES... THIS TUMOR COULD BE AN ORGAN WITH A SPECIFIC FUNCTION--
YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT! I'M GOING TO HAVE IT REMOVED FOR STUDY!

"WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO... SPIN LIKE A TOP TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND ME? I'D BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING FAST! THESE DEVILS HAVE MEANS TO KILL ME! HEY! SOMETHING'S GOING ON UP THERE... OVER MY HEAD..."

THE DOC SAYS POUR IN THE "SLEEP JUICE" AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING!
YOU'RE LUCKY! I GOTTA GO DOWN THERE AND MAKE SURE THIS MICKEY FINN HAS DONE IT'S JOB...

"I DON'T LIKE THIS! WHAT ARE THEY UP TO! EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE CLOUDING UP... HEY YOU UP THERE! YOU CAN'T KEEP ME IN HERE, YOU UNDERSTAND? LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT, YOU DEVILS!"
LOOK OUT!

"I'M GETTING WEAKER... CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY... MY HEAD IS POUNDING AND MY EYES ARE GROWING HEAVY... DON'T KILL ME, DO YOU HEAR? IT'S NOT RIGHT... IT'S NOT RI...."
THE ANESTHETIC IS TAKING AFFECT! TELL THE DIVER TO DOUBLE CHECK!
YES, SIR!


MEANWHILE, IN THE DOCTOR'S QUARTERS...
WE'LL BE OPERATING ON THE SHARK SOON! I WONDER IF IT'S WISE...
STILL ENTERTAINING THAT SILLY NOTION OF YOURS, SIR?

YOU'VE READ MY NOTES! SUPPOSE THAT TUMOR ON HIS HEAD... IS NOT A TUMOR... BUT...
BUT WHAT, DOCTOR? WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'LL FIND WHEN WE CUT INTO IT?

POSSIBLY, A HIGHLY, DEVELOPED AUXILIARY BRAIN! OUR SUBJECT MAY BE A THINKING BEING...
HA-HA... I SHOULD HOPE NOT, DOCTOR... BECAUSE IF IT'S REALLY SO, OUR INTELLIGENT FISH WILL BE A MORON WHEN WE FINISH WITH HIM!
THE END

A Shock of Horror

BUT THEN I STARTED VISITING MY BUSINESS CLUB, AND IT SOON BECAME MY SECOND HOME...
SET 'EM UP AGAIN, HARRY.
GIVE US ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR WONDERFUL STORIES JASON!
AND HOME BECAME A PLACE WHERE I SLEPT, AND ELVIRA JUST THE WOMAN WHO PREPARED MY MEALS.
DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME, ELVIRA I'M PLAYING POKER AND I'M TEN DOLLARS AHEAD!
THEN IT HAPPENED! ONE RAINY DAY... I MET CINDY DRUE!
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND SHARING YOUR TAXI. I NEVER USE MY OWN CAR WHEN IT RAINS.
NOT AT ALL!
YOU'RE A MODEL? I THOUGHT THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE WAS FAMILIAR!
YOU'RE QUITE OBSERVING AND COMPLIMENTARY AS WELL!
WE SOON GOT BETTER ACQUAINTED...
MR WILTON, I SCARCELY KNOW YOU BUT I NEVER FELT SO MUCH AT EASE WITH ANY MAN.
THE SAME GOES FOR ME, AND I PREFER FIRST NAMES - CINDY! MINE IS JASON.
AND A SHORT TIME LATER, SHE HAD ME GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES... IN CIRCLE OF LOVE!
JASON, HONEY - TONIGHT YOU ARE GOING HOME EARLY... I HAVE A MODELING APPOINTMENT EIGHT O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING!
I'LL GO, BUT NOT WILLINGLY.

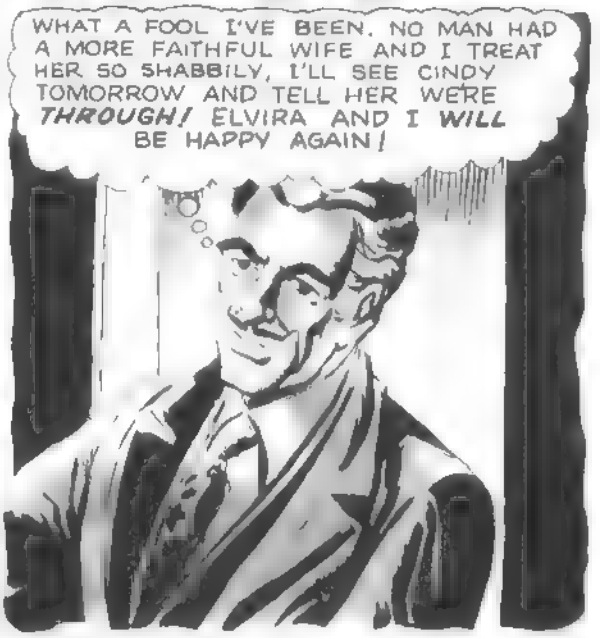
NO. I COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF HER!
I SAID TONIGHT YOU ARE STAYING HOME!
ELVIRA, GIVE ME THAT COAT. YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME WHAT TO DO!

THEN I'M GOING WITH YOU!
NEVER MIND THE GRACIOUS GESTURE. IT'S TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE... ANYWAY, TONIGHT I'VE GOT TO WORK!

YES, I WENT TO "WORK"...
JASON, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS! I'LL QUIT MY JOB, WE'LL GO AWAY, TOGETHER!
KISS ME AGAIN, CINDY!

PASSION SHORTENS THE HOURS AND IT WAS LATE WHEN I GOT HOME, I TIP TOED IN QUIETLY. THERE WERE LESS ARGUMENTS THAT WAY.
AWFULLY QUIET. I HOPE SHE'S SOUND ASLEEP.

I NEVER HATED ELVIRA, I WAS MERELY BORED WITH HER. SO WHEN I SAW HER FACE - IN THE MOONLIGHT... AND IT SEEMED SO SAD... I FELT LOW, AND MISERABLE... AND CHEAP!
ELVIRA... ELVIRA...


WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN. NO MAN HAD A MORE FAITHFUL WIFE AND I TREAT HER SO SHABBILY, I'LL SEE CINDY TOMORROW AND TELL HER WE'RE THROUGH! ELVIRA AND I WILL BE HAPPY AGAIN!

I EXPECTED A LONG AND HECTIC EVENING WITH CINDY, SO I MADE AN EXCUSE TO ELVIRA, JUST IN CASE...

OF COURSE DEAR, FINISH YOUR WORK AND THEN RELAX AT THE CLUB AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.

I'LL TRY NOT TO BE ***TOO LATE*** DARLING!

IT WAS JUST AS I EXPECTED...

CINDY, I'M NOT SEEING YOU AFTER TONIGHT!

WHAT?

IT WAS JUST AS I EXPECTED...

DON'T JOKE WITH ***ME!***

IT'S NO JOKE. I'VE KEPT SOMETHING FROM YOU. I'M ***MARRIED!*** I'VE JUST REALIZED WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN AND I'M GOING ***BACK*** TO MY WIFE!

JUST LIKE THAT, EH? ALL RIGHT... I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH YOU... FOR A SLIGHT TOKEN OF ***AFFECTION*** .. SOMETHING TO ***FORGET*** YOU... SAY ***$5,000?***

$5,000! ARE YOU ***MAD?*** WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

JUST WHAT YOU TOOK ME FOR... A ***SUCKER!*** IF I DON'T GET THAT FIVE GRAND I'LL TELL YOUR WIFE WHAT A ***"LOVING"*** HUSBAND YOU'VE BEEN!

IT WAS RAW ***BLACKMAIL!*** SHE SNEERED AT ME. I PLEADED WITH HER. SHE LAUGHED IN MY FACE. THEN MY HANDS... I COULDN'T STOP THEM... MY HANDS THEY...

YOU'RE CHOKING ME... JASON! ***AAGH...***

SHE WAS DEAD... I WAS FRANTIC WITH FEAR. I COVERED HER BODY WITH A BLANKET... THE FIRE ESCAPE LED TO AN ALLEY...
THANK GOODNESS NO ONE SAW ME...
I TOOK HER INTO THE CAR...
THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE RIVER! THAT'S WHERE I'LL TAKE HER!
I WRAPPED HER IN HEAVY TIRE CHAINS SO SHE'D SINK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER, AND MY SECRET WOULD STAY THERE WITH HER!
POOR ELVIRA PROBABLY WONDERING WHEN I'LL BE HOME. I'M NOT WORTHY OF HER TRUST... BUT I'LL MAKE IT UP TO HER! I'LL GIVE HER THE UNDERSTANDING SHE DESERVES, I SWEAR IT!
I DROVE THE CAR INTO THE CARPORT BESIDE OUR HOME I OPENED THE DOOR SLIGHTLY, THERE WAS ELVIRA WITH A STRANGER BENDING OVER HER. AT FIRST I THOUGHT SHE HAD BEEN HURT...
BUT THEN I KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED...
LET'S RUN AWAY ELVIRA DARLING!
YES, YES... WHENEVER YOU SAY... NOW!
THE END

HARDENED KILLERS FELT THE CLAMMY HANDS OF FEAR, THE CHILL OF THE GRAVE WHEN THEIR VICTIM APPEARED TO CLAIM...

the DEADMAN'S HAND

DEAD BUT NOT BURIED!

G-GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE DEAD!

BY MORNING JIM REARDON LOST 50 GRAND IN A POKER GAME...

TOUGH LUCK, JIM!

BUT NICE FOR US!

I'M CLEANED OUT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!

BUT AXEL, REARDON'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, HADN'T PLAYED! ...AND WHEN THE WINNERS LEFT...

THEY TOOK YOU, BOSS! I TRIED TO TIP YOU OFF BUT YOU WOULDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME!

MY PALS! THEY'LL PAY FOR THIS!

WHAT'LL YOU DO, BOSS?
KILL THEM, AXEL! AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING CAUGHT! NOBODY'LL SEE YOU! THEY'LL SEE DAN PATCH!
PATCH! BUT HE'S BEEN DEAD OVER A YEAR!
SURE, AXEL, SURE! AND A BEAUTIFUL JOB WE DID ON HIM! HA! HA! IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES!
YES, OF A MAN NAMED PATCH TIRED OF LIVING OUTSIDE THE LAW, MADE A VISIT TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE!
THE BOYS WANT TO SEE YOU, DAN! ABOUT YOUR CHAT WITH TH' D.A.!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM!
ISN'T THAT NICE? TELL US ABOUT IT!
NO... NO... YOU GUYS CAN'T DO THIS...
BUT DAN'S FORMER FRIENDS COULD... AND THEY DID!
DON'T... AGGH-H!
YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE YOU WENT TO THE D.A.!
BRUTALLY, THEY CUT AT HIS FLESH... UNTIL WHAT WAS LEFT BARELY LOOKED LIKE A MAN...
YOU DIDN'T THINK WE'D KILL YOU THE EASY WAY, DID YOU, DAN? THIS IS WHAT DOUBLE-CROSSERS GET!
THEN AS DEATH MERCIFULLY CAME TO DAN PATCH'S RESCUE...
Y-YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS... SOME DAY I'LL GET EVEN!
HA! HA! LISTEN TO HIM!

MEMORIES OF A BRUTAL MURDER CAME BACK TO PROD THE SCHEMING MIND OF JIM REARDON...
BUT I DON'T GET IT, BOSS! HOW DOES PATCH FIT IN NOW?
IT'S SIMPLE, AXEL! FRANKLIN AND BELLOWS PUT ONE OVER ON ME! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY THINK A DOUBLE-CROSSER DESERVES!
JUST KILLING 'EM IS TOO EASY! THEY'RE GOING TO TASTE TERROR FIRST... DAN PATCH IS GOING TO KILL 'EM!
PATCH? SURE, HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT REVENGE... HOW CAN YOU BRING PATCH BACK?
YOU'LL BE PATCH, AXEL! ON THE NIGHT OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF PATCHE'S DEATH, BELLOWS AND FRANKLIN WILL PLAY POKER WITH ME AGAIN! I'LL ARRANGE IT... AND AT THE RIGHT TIME YOU'LL COME IN MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE DAN PATCH!
HA! HA! IT'LL BE FUN TO SEE THEIR FACES!
REARDON THREW THE BAIT OF NEWLY ACQUIRED MONEY BEFORE BELLOWS AND FRANKLIN... THE PAIR INVITED HIM TO PLAY ON THE NIGHT REARDON HAD CHOSEN...
I'M GLAD YOU GOT YOURSELF A NEW STAKE, JIM!
I'M SURE YOU ARE, PAL...
AS THE GAME PROGRESSED...
FUNNY, US BEING HERE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF DAN'S DEATH! HE USED TO LIKE A GOOD POKER GAME!
AH-H... FORGET THAT STOOLIE! HOW MANY CARDS?
AND AFTER MIDNIGHT...
SOMEBODY AT THE DOOR! YOU EXPECTING AXEL, JIM?
NO, AXEL'S HOME SICK! HIS ULCERS AGAIN!
PATCH! D-DAN PATCH!
N-NO... IT CAN'T BE!

CALMLY, THE TERRIFYING SPECTRE MOVED TOWARD THE TABLE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS? AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE YOUR OLD PAL? I THOUGHT I'D JOIN YOU IN A FRIENDLY GAME OF POKER!
THIS IS NUTS! CRAZY! --HE'S DEAD!
SURE I'M DEAD... BUT I CAME BACK! NOW LET'S PLAY!
YEAH, SURE, DAN ...SURE!
REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, BELLOWS? REMEMBER WHAT I SAID?
WH--WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SUDDENLY RELENTLESS FINGERS CLOSED AROUND BELLOW'S THROAT...
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, BELLOWS... SLOWLY... PAINFULLY THE WAY I DIED!
JIM... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT INSTEAD, JIM REARDON MANAGED TO KEEP FRANKLIN IN THE ROOM...
NO...WAIT... MAYBE IT'S OUR IMAGINATION!
HE'S KILLING HIM ...AND THAT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION!
DIE LIKE I DIED! DIE... DIE...
THEN REARDON PUSHED FRANKLIN INTO THE ARMS OF THE CADAVER...
AND YOU, FRANKLIN ARE NEXT!
JIM... WHAT ARE YOU DOING? NO! LET ME GO!
REARDON GRINNED AS FRANKLIN SCREAMED...
PAIN... AND MORE PAIN... AND FINALLY DEATH, FRANKLIN!
HOW DO YOU LIKE A DOUBLE-CROSSER'S DEATH, FRANKLIN!

And THEN, FRANKLIN TOO LAY DEAD...
NICE WORK, AXEL! IT WORKED JUST LIKE WE PLANNED!
AXEL? WHY DO YOU CALL ME AXEL, JIM?
REARDON FELT A STRANGE CHILL TRAVEL UP HIS SPINE...
BUT I AM NOT AXEL!
HA! HA! ALL RIGHT, AXEL, LET'S NOT CARRY THE GAG TOO FAR!

AND IT IS YOUR TURN TO DIE!
CUT IT OUT, AXEL! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? STOP!
BEFORE HE COULD GET OUT OF REACH, A HAND HAD CLOSED AROUND REARDON'S ARM...
HOW DO YOU LIKE A BROKEN ARM, JIM!
AXEL, FOR GOD'S SAKE... YOU'RE BREAKING MY ARM!
REARDON BROKE AWAY AND RAN FOR THE DOOR...
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...

IT MUST BE AXEL... BUT SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM... HE'S GONE CRAZY!

HARD AS HE TRIED TO CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT IT WAS AXEL, DOUBT MADE REARDON RETURN TO HIS APARTMENT TO MAKE SURE AXEL WAS NOT THERE...
HE'S DOUBLE-CROSSED ME, TOO! IT... IT COULDN'T BE ANYONE BUT AXEL! GHOSTS... REVENGE... NUTS!

BUT WHEN REARDON CAME HOME...
AXEL! HE'S DEAD! THAT MEANS...
YES, IT MEANS THAT I HAVE RETURNED FROM THE GRAVE, JIM! ...TONIGHT WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY DEATH! I WANTED TO CELEBRATE!
AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
NO... NOT ME! NO!
PAIN AND AGONY FILLED JIM REARDON AS THE MAN FROM THE GRAVE LASHED OUT...
ARGGHHH!
MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER APARTMENT...
OFFICER! I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH SCREAMS! FOR GOD'S SAKE, GET OVER HERE FAST!
WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED, THEY FOUND ONLY THE BROKEN BODIES OF AXEL AND REARDON!
LIEUTENANT, HEADQUARTERS SAY TWO OTHER GUYS WERE FOUND KILLED THIS SAME WAY!
WHEW! BROTHER... THIS SOUNDS LIKE A TOUGH ONE!
A TOUGH ONE YES! MORTAL MAN HAS NO WAY OF DEALING WITH A NEMESIS FROM THE GRAVE!
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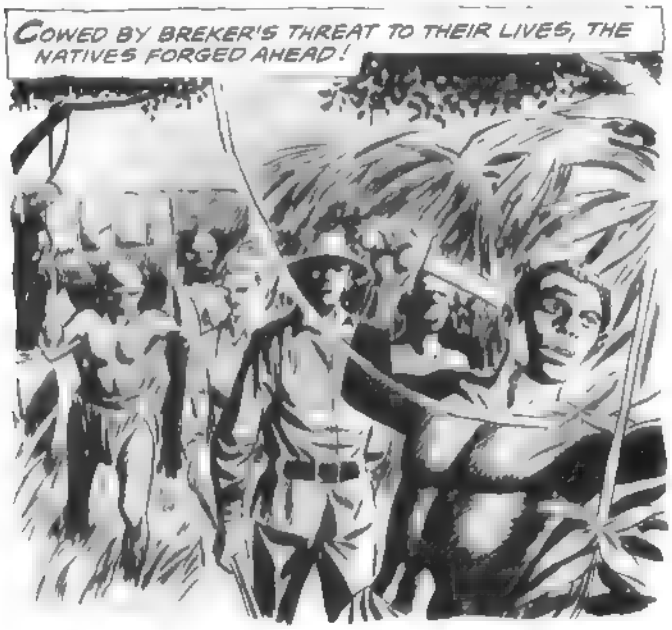
THE BLOODY MONSTER!

A WHITE APE! WHAT A PRIZE TO TAKE BACK TO THE ZOO!
LET'S TURN BACK! WE HAVE THE ANIMALS WE CAME FOR!

NO, WE'RE GOING ON! COME ON, MOVE! MOVE!

--THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, AND ANY OTHERS WHO TRY TO DESERT!


COWED BY BREKER'S THREAT TO THEIR LIVES, THE NATIVES FORGED AHEAD!

--OH! CLAY, LOOK!
TANGUNU!

THE JUNGLE TREMBLED BENEATH HIS MONSTROUS WEIGHT AS THE TREMENDOUS WHITE APE-- LEAPED INTO VIEW!
AROWRRRRR!

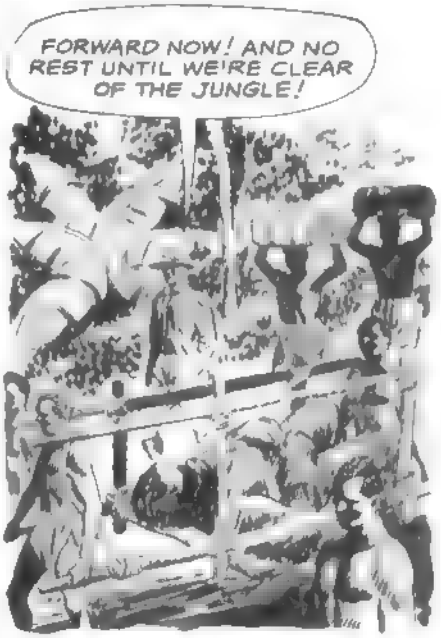
THE WIRE NETS! LET 'EM GO! ON EVERY SIDE!

THE HUGE BEAST LASHED OUT WITH A FURY AT THE STEEL MESH THAT CUT AT HIM LIKE BARE BLADES, AND AT DAWN...

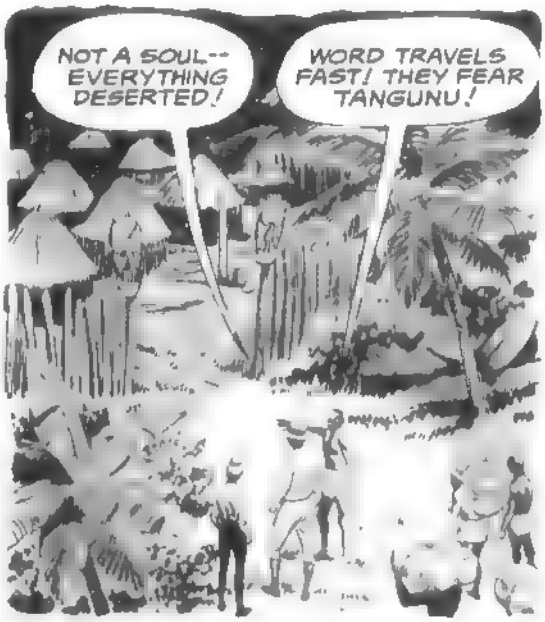
THIS CHLOROFORM WILL DO IT!

HE NO FIGHT NOW . BUT MEN AFRAID TO CARRY HIM!
AFRAID OR NOT-- THEY'LL DO AS I SAY!

A!!!!!!!
ARGHWH! NO! NO! WE DO AS YOU SAY!


FORWARD NOW! AND NO REST UNTIL WE'RE CLEAR OF THE JUNGLE!

THE INCESSANT CHATTERING OF THE MONKEYS HAS STOPPED!
NEVER MIND THAT-- LOOK! WE'VE REACHED THE TOWN!


NOT A SOUL-- EVERYTHING DESERTED!
WORD TRAVELS FAST! THEY FEAR TANGUNU!

BUT CLAY BREKER WAS DEAF TO ALL PLEAS TO RELEASE THE MONSTER! A CARGO SHIP BOUND FOR THE STATES WAS TEMPTED BY BREKER'S HIGH PASSAGE FEE!

AND ALMOST AT ANY TIME, BREKER WOULD RETURN TO HIS SADISTIC DIVERTISEMENT! BUT ONCE HE STEPPED TO CLOSE!
GARRRRG!

AAHEEH! M-MY SHOULDER!

HE SCREAMED IN AGONY AND PASSED OUT!
DARLING-- A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HE IS-- THIS TIME! BUT HE WAS LUCKY!

WE'D BETTER LEAVE HIM ALONE SO HE CAN REST!

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME! I--I FEEL STRANGE!

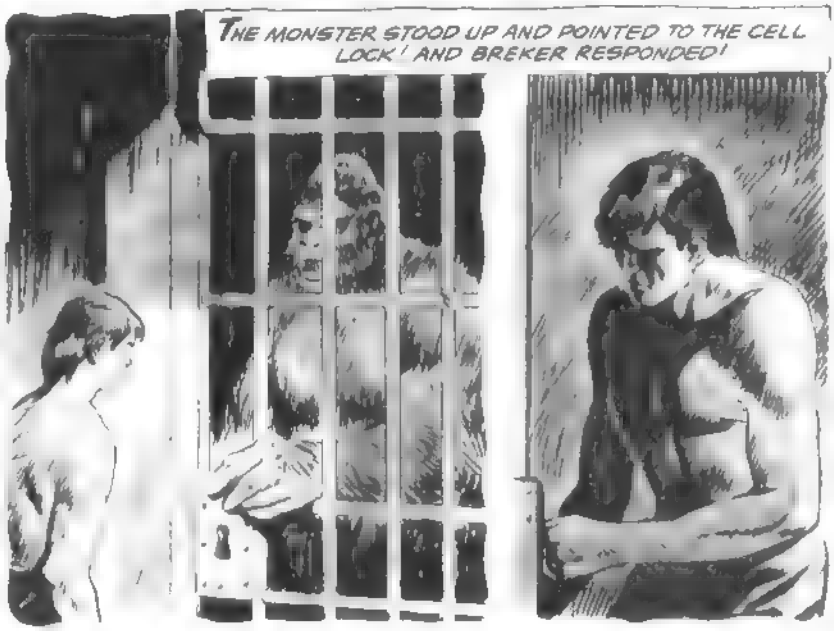
MY HANDS ARE STIFF-- APPEAR SWOLLEN, AND MY SKIN-- THE TEXTURE IS SO COURSE AND MORE HAIRY!

IS IT SOME DISEASE I'VE CONTRACTED FROM THE BITE OF THE APE?

DURING THE NIGHT, HIS WIDE-OPEN FEVERISH EYES ATTESTED TO HIS STRANGE RESTLESSNESS!

I--I'M COMING I'M COMING!

HE DESCENDED THE GANGWAY TO THE CELL--WHERE GLEAMING BEADY EYES DREW HIM LIKE A MAGNET...


THE MONSTER STOOD UP AND POINTED TO THE CELL LOCK! AND BREKER RESPONDED!

GRRROWRRR!

THE MONSTER LUMBERED UP THE GANGWAY--AND SECONDS LATER--TERRIFYING SHRIEKS WERE HEARD! IT SHOCKED BREKER TO AWARENESS!
AHHHH--HOW DID I GET DOWN HERE?

HELP ME -- SOMEBODY! HELP ME!

THERE HE GOES UP THE MAST!
PULL IN THE SAIL, AND HE'LL FALL!

LOOK OUT! HERE HE COMES!

COME ON -- LET'S PICK HIM UP AND CARRY HIM DOWN BEFORE HE COMES TO!

ONLY SIX MEN ARE LIFTING HIM NOW! H-HE'S LIGHTER AND LESS HAIRY!

HE SAID NOTHING BUT A STROKE OF FEAR QUAKED THROUGH HIM! PRESENTLY, ENID RAN TO HIM -- BUT THEN, SHE DREW AWAY!
DARLING, I -- SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU! I...

CLAY -- WAIT! DON'T GO!

HE REMAINED IN HIS STATE-ROOM, MUTE TO HER PLEAS! HE GLANCED AT HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR!

FEAR DROVE HIM TO SLEEP-- HIS ONLY REFUGE! BUT THAT NIGHT, HE AWAKENED AGAIN-- AND STARTED DOWN THE GANGWAY!

AN UTTERLY, UNWORLDLY TRANSFORMATION WAS TAKING PLACE! MINUTES LATER, ENID WAS AWAKENED BY A POUNDING ON THE DOOR!

SAVE ME-- PLEASE! EEEEE!
SHE SCREAMED IN TERROR! HOW COULD SHE KNOW HER FATE WAS IN THE ARMS OF ONE WHOSE EMBRACES SHE HAD KNOWN MANY TIMES!

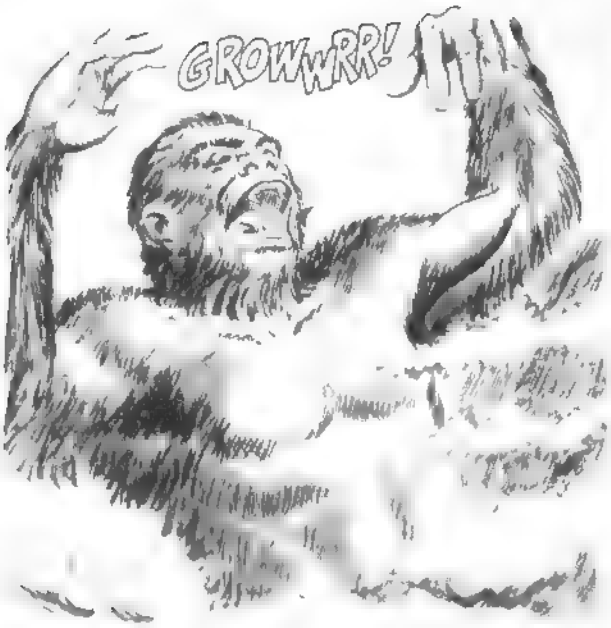
GET HIM, MEN! WATCH THE GIRL!

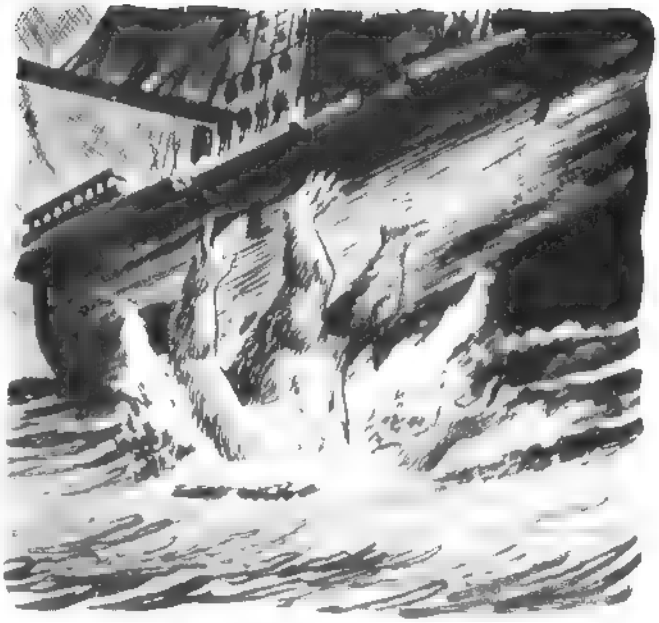
GROWRRR!
OWWWW!

WE'VE GOT TO FORCE HIM TO PUT DOWN THE GIRL!

SHE'S FREE! FIRE THOSE GUNS!

BLAM!
BLAM
BANG!





AND WHEN SHE GAZED INTO HIS EYES--COLD, THIN SLITS SHE HAD SEEN ONLY IN ANOTHER BEING, ENID HAD A GLIMPSE OF THE SOUL CONTORTING TRUTH! TANGUNU WOULD RETURN TO THE JUNGLE!

The End

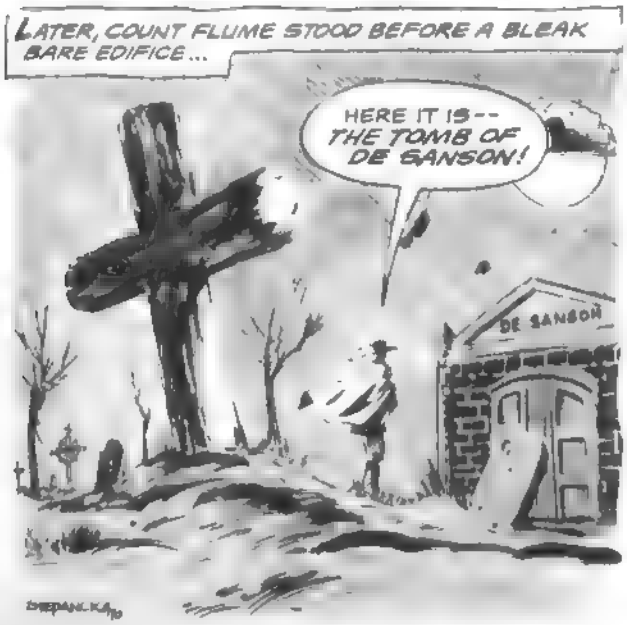
THE DUEL
IN A DANK, MUSTY ROOM, TWO MEN ARE LOCKED IN COMBAT!
AHH, COUNT FLUME... YOU LOWERED YOUR GUARD!
I--I FORGOT! BUT I WILL LEARN! YOU WILL SEE DAILLOT!

SOMEDAY I WILL BECOME ANOTHER CHEVALIER DE SANSON!
THE CHEV--! OH, NO! IMPOSSIBLE!

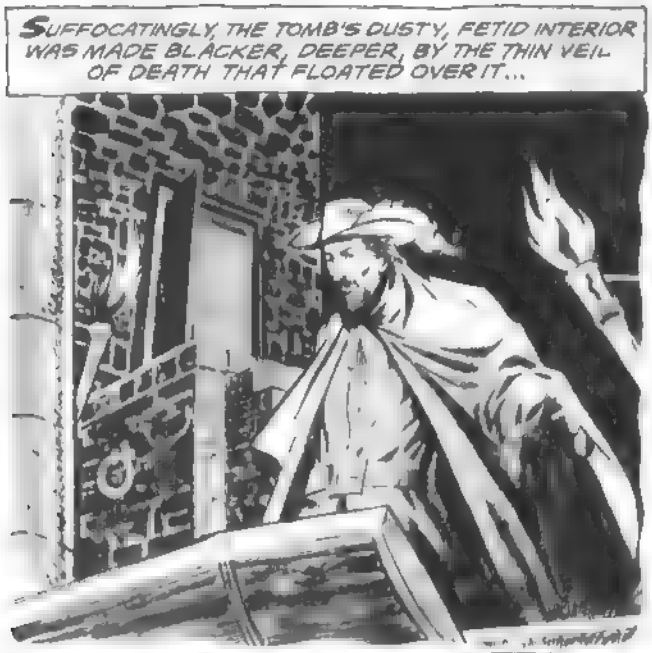
WHEN HE LIVED, NO ONE WAS AS GOOD AS DE SANSON! THEY SAID HIS SWORD WAS DEATH! THAT'S WHY THEY BUERIED IT WITH--AS A PRECAUTION THAT IT NEVER BE USED AGAIN!

I HATE TO SAY THIS... BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE A GOOD SWORDSMAN!

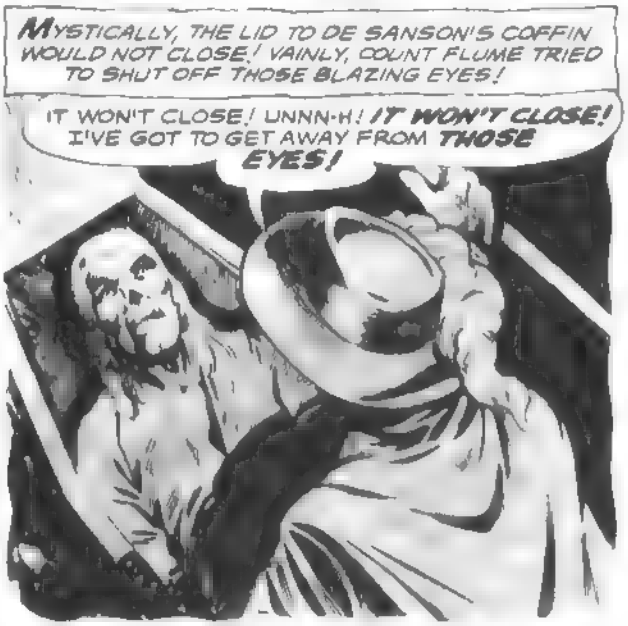
NEVER BE AS GOOD AS DE SANSON, EH? DAILLOT SAID HIS SWORD WAS DEATH! WE SHALL SEE ABOUT THAT! HA! HA!


LATER, COUNT FLUME STOOD BEFORE A BLEAK BARE EDIFICE...
HERE IT IS-- THE TOMB OF DE SANSON!
DE SANSON

THE SWORD WILL BE INSIDE! ONCE I HAVE IT, I'LL BE POWERFUL...UNBEATABLE!


SUFFOCATINGLY, THE TOMB'S DUSTY, FETID INTERIOR WAS MADE BLACKER, DEEPER, BY THE THIN VEIL OF DEATH THAT FLOATED OVER IT...

HERE IT IS! I'VE GOT DE SANSON'S SWORD! I'LL... WAIT! THOSE EYES! THEY SEEM TO BE LOOKING AT ME! I BETTER CLOSE THE COFFIN LID!


MYSTICALLY, THE LID TO DE SANSON'S COFFIN WOULD NOT CLOSE! VAINLY, COUNT FLUME TRIED TO SHUT OFF THOSE BLAZING EYES!
IT WON'T CLOSE! UNNN-H! IT WON'T CLOSE! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THOSE EYES!

FREE! HA! HA! I'LL CHALLENGE DAILLOT TO A DUEL! WE'LL SEE HOW GOOD HE IS AGAINST DE SANSON'S SWORD!

DAILLOT, YESTERDAY YOU INSULTED MY HONOR! FOR THAT, I CHALLENGE YOU! TO A DUEL OF DEATH!
THIS IS SILLY! BUT... IF YOU INSIST... I CANNOT REJECT A CHALLENGE!

THE NEXT MORNING, THE STILL QUIET MISTS OF THE MARSHES ROSE AROUND COUNT FLUME AND DAILLOT! HOWEVER, A STRANGER APPEARED...
GENTLEMEN, YOU WILL NEED A...A... REFEREE FOR THIS DUEL!
WE DO NOT NEED ANYONE! GO AWAY!
NO... STAY! YOU SHALL SEE IF WE FIGHT IN FAIRNESS!

THUS... IT BEGAN...
HOW IS YOUR PUPIL... NOW? HA! HA!
I--I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD...

... LOSE! YAA-AH!
HA! THE SWORD WORKS! IT WORKS! HA! HA! I AM POWERFUL... THE NEW MASTER OF SWORDS!

COUNT FLUME BECAME THE MASTER OF SWORDS! SOON... IT WAS KNOWN THAT HE POSSESSED DE SANSON'S SWORD! EVERYONE COWERED... EXCEPT THE STRANGER OF THE MARCHES!
IT'S COUNT FLUME! HE HAS DE SANSON'S SWORD!
THE SWORD OF DEATH!
HA! HA!

THAT MAN! THAT STRANGER... BEEN FOLLOWING ME! I'LL FIND OUT WHO HE IS...

SIR, YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ME! WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHO ARE YOU?
HERE IS MY CARD, COUNT FLUME!

I DON'T WANT TO READ IT! YOU WILL SOON BE A CORPSE!
THE STRANGER WAS LIKE A SHADOW... AMORPHOUS, SLITHERING! FLUME FELT THE CHILLING, FAINT WHISPER OF DEATH ABOUT HIM! IT BECAME LOUDER... UNTIL HE SAW...
THAT FACE! NO-O-O-O!
NOOO! IT CAN'T BE!
COUNT FLUME, YOU DROPPED YOUR SWORD, TAKE MINE! I WILL USE YOURS!
CLANG
LET ME LIVE! I DID NOT MEAN TO... AIEEE!
COUNT FLUME FELL TO THE GROUND, THE GRIPPING, PANGS OF DEATH JARRING HIS BODY! THE SWORD HE HAD HOPE TO BECOME MASTER WITH HAD IRONICALLY BEEN WIELDED AGAINST HIM... BY IT'S RIGHTFUL OWNER...
CAVALLIER DE SANSON
... BACK TO THE FUNERAL ENCLOSURE OF PERPETUAL REST! ONCE AGAIN, THE SWORD OF DEATH IS AT THE SIDE OF DE SANSON!
DE SANSON
The END

THE NARROW, WINDING ROAD THAT TWISTS UP PRECIPITOUS CLIFFS TO THE GRIM CASTLE THAT ETCHES THE ANGRY SKY IS CALLED BY THOSE WHO LIVE IN ITS SHADOWS, THE...
HOUSE OF MONSTERS
AT THIS POINT IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE DORNERS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD ARE A FAMILY OF NOTED SCIENTISTS WHO SPECIALIZE IN PSYCHIC PHENOMENA AS WELL AS OTHER UNUSUAL EXPERIMENTS! THE CASTLE ON BLACK MOUNTAIN HAS PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION AND NOW PAUL DORNER IS ABOUT TO INHERIT THE EDIFICE!

FIRST WE MUST TAKE YOU TO A LAW OFFICE...

YOUR UNCLE HAS LEFT YOU THIS CASTLE IN HIS WILL, DORNER...BUT I'M WARNING YOU... **STRANGE THINGS ARE GOING ON UP THERE!**

I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES! THE DORNERS ARE MEN OF SCIENCE, MR BLANE! WE LEAVE **SUPERSTITION** TO THE VILLAGERS!

Last Will and Testament of Mr Dorner

WELL GOOD LUCK! IF YOU CONTACT A PETE SMITH, HE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU! ...BY THE WAY, TAKE A **PISTOL** FOR PROTECTION!

THANKS... I'LL TAKE THE ADVICE!

YOUNG DORNER DISMISSED BLANE'S CAUTION AS EYE WASH... AND TO SHOW HIM THAT SCIENTISTS DON'T SCARE EASILY, SET OUT FOR THE BLACK MOUNTAINS THAT AFTERNOON...

UNTIL FINALLY, IN A TAVERN IN THE TOWN OVER-SHADOWED BY THE MYSTERIOUS CASTLE...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OLD DORNER CASTLE, BARTENDER?

NOTHING I'D CARE TO TELL YOU, STRANGER! ASK THAT BAR FLY OVER THERE... HE'S GOT THE ANSWERS!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN HITTING THE BOTTLE HARD!

ER-MIND IF I JOIN YOU, SIR? MY NAME IS DORNER!

DORNER? ..CASTLE? ARRGH-HH!

MONSTER! MONSTER!!

KEEP AWAY!

TAKE IT EASY! I'M YOUR FRIEND! COME BACK! HEY!

NEXT EVENING PAUL WAS EAGER TO BE OFF, BUT IN THE SILENCE OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE DRUNK'S TERROR STILL WITH HIM, HE BEGAN TO FEEL HIS CONFIDENCE OOZE AWAY!
IF HE HAD KNOWN WHAT HORRORS WERE BEING HATCHED BY THE DARK FORCES OF EVIL IN THE CASTLE HE WOULD'VE TURNED BACK!
YOUNG DORNER IS ON HIS WAY, PROFESSOR! WE GOTTA GET RID OF HIM!
DON'T WORRY! A SHOT OF THIS SERUM INTO OUR LITTLE FRIEND HERE WILL DECIDE WHO OWNS THE CASTLE!
PROF. VARIG ASSISTANT TO PAUL'S UNCLE WITHDREW THE NEEDLE AND THEN WATCHED IT GROW INTO A FRIENZIED HULK OF A MONSTER, THEN VARIG SET IT ON THE ROAD OF NO RETURN TO MEET PAUL DORNER!
GOOD LORD! WHAT KIND OF THING IS IT?
PAUL FROZE IN HIS TRACKS AS THE LOATHSOME HULK BLOCKED HIS PATH AND REACHED FOR HIM!

TERROR FORCED HIS HAND TO RIP AN AUTOMATIC FROM ITS HOLSTER AND AS THE GUN SPAT OUT A STACCATO OF LEAD, HIDEOUS SCREAMS ROARED THROUGHOUT THE MOUNTAINSIDE...
SUDDENLY, A SWISH OF AIR AND...
RIP!
GR
R-RAWH!
YARWRRK!
MY ARM! MY ARM!
THE SIGHT OF HIS ARM AND THE WOUNDED MONSTER STUNNED PAUL'S BRAIN! HE STRUGGLED TO HIS FEET... THE PAIN MINIMIZED BY A STATE OF SHOCK!

...AND STUMBLED DAZEDLY INTO DORNER CASTLE AS UNSEEN EYES WATCHED CLOSELY EVERY STEP HE MADE IN THE EERIE CORRIDORS!

HE GOT PAST THE MONSTER! I'LL FIX HIM FOR YOU NOW, PROFESSOR!
VERY WELL... BUT DON'T MESS HIM UP... I WANT A GOOD SPECIMEN!

CRACK

HOURS LATER, THE ACRID ODOR OF DISINFECTANTS AND A THROBBING ARM AWAKENED PAUL DORNER INTO A SCENE OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR ...

...ONLY TO LEARN HIS FATE AS PRESCRIBED BY PROFESSOR VARIG!
PAUL, IN YOUR CONDITION, YOU'RE STILL USEFUL TO SCIENCE! DID YOUR UNCLE EVER TELL YOU ABOUT OUR HOBBY OF VIVISECTION? NO?... NEVER MIND!
- WE ONLY NEED YOUR LEFT ARM!

BY THE WAY, YOUR UNCLE'S WILL GAVE US MORE MATERIAL TO WORK ON THAN WE BARGAINED FOR... FIRST HIM AND NOW... YOU!

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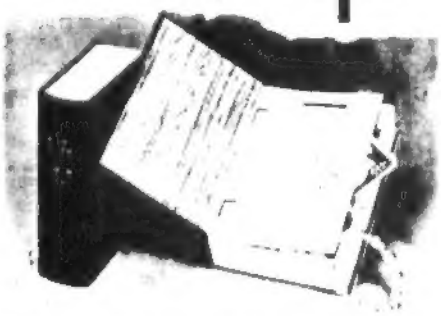

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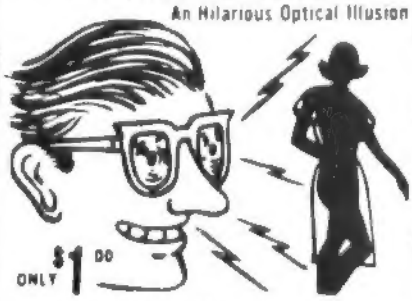

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